

MISSOURI GOVERNOR  
**Matt Blunt**

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## **Blunt's Appointees, Including Lt. Governor, Join Others to Help Shape Nation's Aging Policy**

JEFFERSON CITY – Gov. Matt Blunt appointed four of Missouri's 19 delegates who will attend the White House Conference on Aging this weekend. Among his appointees is Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder. The lieutenant governor serves as Missouri's official senior advocate.

"I am extremely proud of all Missouri's delegates and honored they have agreed to represent our state. Their knowledge in the aging field and their compassion are unparalleled," Blunt said. "They will promote dignity, health and economic security for American seniors now and for generations to come."

Earlier this month, Lt. Governor Kinder hosted a work session for Missouri's delegation at the State Capitol to review the proposals that will be presented at the Conference.

"As America's senior population grows, and as Baby Boomer's reach retirement age, issues of healthcare, financial security and personal independence confront us all," said Lt. Gov. Kinder. He added, "I'm honored to represent Gov. Blunt and Missouri at this important and historic conference. I am confident that the ideas shared at the Conference will sharpen our focus on the concerns of our seniors."

In addition to the governor's four appointees, members of Missouri's Congressional delegation selected 11 representatives and the White House Conference on Aging Policy Committee selected the remaining four. Twelve hundred delegates from all 50 states will make recommendations to President Bush and Congress to help guide national aging policies December 11 – 14, 2005, in Washington DC.

The first White House Conference on Aging occurred in 1961, sparked by shifting American demographics and a rapid increase in the number of elderly. That conference and subsequent ones in 1971, 1981 and 1995 contributed to the establishment of key aging programs like Medicare, the Older Americans Act, the Supplemental Security Income Program and the National Institute on Aging. The 2005 conference theme is, “The Booming Dynamics of Aging: From Awareness to Action.”

Each state’s delegate numbers are based on a formula that includes, among other things, a state’s percentage of individuals aged 55 and older. For instance, states with a small percentage of elderly will not have as many delegates as those with a high percentage. Missouri has a high percentage of those aged 60 and over, ranking 14<sup>th</sup> nationally, according to the 2000 Census. The names of Missouri’s delegates follow.

**Governor’s appointees:**

Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder, Jefferson City  
Official Senior Advocate for Missouri

Dr. Jeffery Kerr, Rolla  
Geriatrician, former president of Missouri Association of Long-Term Care Physicians

Nancie McAnaugh, Jefferson City  
Deputy Director, Department of Health and Senior Services

Betty Sims, Jefferson City  
Former State Senator; Project Manager, Department of Health and Senior Services

**Congressional delegate and appointee:**

Sen. Christopher “Kit” Bond - Brenda Lax, Kansas City

Sen. Jim Talent - Angeletta McCormick Franks, St. Louis

Rep. Todd Akin - Debra Cochran, Chesterfield

Rep. Roy Blunt - Dorothy Knowles, Springfield

Rep. Russ Carnahan - Susan Stark, St. Louis

Rep. William Lacy Clay - Ollie Stewart, St. Louis

Rep. Emanuel Cleaver, II - Hila Newman, Kansas City

Rep. Jo Ann Emerson - Loyd Matthews, Poplar Bluff

Rep. Sam Graves - David Duncan, Mound City

Rep. Kenny Hulshof - Mary Lou Brennan, Hannibal

Rep. Ike Skelton - Janice Bramwell, Buffalo

**At-large delegates:**

Ann Bannes, St. Louis

Marcia Kerz, St. Louis

Nancy Morrow-Howell, St. Louis

Gregory Reynders, St. Louis

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